

watch a Club member be the first in their family to walk across a stage to receive a high school diploma, and see the pride light up in their eyes, keeps her believing that every day is an opportunity to be great.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF CHIEF ROBINSON

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief C.A. "Andy" Robinson and his outstanding service to our state. Chief Robinson has spent much of his life as a law enforcement officer and is a dedicated and compassionate member of our community.

Chief Robinson has spent 25 years serving his community and as a law enforcement officer for various municipal and county agencies. Throughout the last eleven years, he has served as Chief for the York Police Department. Under Chief Robinson's leadership, the York Police Department has implemented a community policing philosophy to foster and bridge connections with businesses, local civics organizations, churches, schools, and citizens across York. Some of these initiatives include York's National Night Out, hosting summer youth camps, fundraisers, blood drives, and holiday outreach programs.

In addition to his outstanding work in law enforcement, Chief Robinson also serves on numerous boards and committees. For example, Chief Robinson is a past President of the South Carolina Police Chiefs Association (SCPCA). He has also served as Chairman of the York County Law Enforcement Governing Board since 2011 and is an active member of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the FBI National Academy Associations. Additionally, Chief Robinson has spoken to several South Carolina House and Senate subcommittees on various topics.

Chief Robinson is dependable, compassionate, and has earned the respect of law enforcement and citizens all over South Carolina. He has exceeded expectations in service to our state, highlighted by his receipt of numerous honors and accolades. For example, Chief Robinson is the only York Police Chief to receive the Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement, which is the highest law enforcement honor in the state. He also received an award for Outstanding Service to the Community of York by the York Men's Club.

On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, it is my most sincere pleasure to recognize Chief Robinson for his outstanding leadership and service to our state. I wish him the best of luck throughout his future endeavors, as I am confident he will continue to serve and find great success in all that he does.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST BAT MITZVAH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the centennial anniversary of the first Bat Mitzvah of an American girl, which took place on March 18, 1922, at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism (SAJ) in New York City.

At 12 years of age, Judith Kaplan became the first girl on American soil to formally step into the Jewish community by becoming a Bat Mitzvah (daughter of the commandments). Her father, Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, founded SAJ just three months prior, in January of 1922. He believed strongly that girls should have equal religious opportunities, so he arranged for his daughter to read from the Torah soon after the synagogue was created.

This momentous occasion helped begin the meaningful inclusion of women and girls in Jewish religious life. Bat Mitzvahs became common place, Jewish women started to serve in leadership roles in synagogues and organizations, and exactly 50 years later, the first female rabbi in American history was ordained by a rabbinical seminary.

Judith Kaplan's Bat Mitzvah was also the first in a long line of countless innovative and groundbreaking advancements in Jewish thought and practice by SAJ and their leadership.

Rabbi Kaplan established SAJ as the first synagogue based on the principles of Reconstruction, which views Judaism as a constantly evolving civilization. He believed that Jewish life was rooted in tradition but also able to adapt alongside the ever-changing circumstances of wider society under that guiding principle.

Since Rabbi Kaplan's pioneering tenure, SAJ has continued to live up to his powerful legacy of American Jewish innovation. The synagogue is considered a cornerstone of Jewish life in New York's Upper West Side. SAJ, led by an all-female clergy and staff, is an intellectual stalwart in the community that is dedicated to practicing a modern, American, egalitarian form of Judaism. They advance Jewish education, arts, music, and cultural self-expression as vital to the religious practice.

SAJ upholds the Jewish tenet of tikkun olam, a Hebrew phrase that means to repair the world. The synagogue embodies this teaching by working for economic, immigrant, and reproductive justice; affirming LGBTQ+ members and interfaith families; and actively supporting and partnering with New York City's Westside Campaign Against Hunger to fight against food insecurity.

I honor Judith Kaplan's courage and celebrate the 100th anniversary of her groundbreaking Bat Mitzvah.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Society for the Advancement of Judaism's remarkable contributions to the Jewish community in New York City and all over the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM J. THORNTON, RECIPIENT OF THE GREATER PITTSBURGH FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK SWINGLE AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor William J. Thornton who will be awarded the W. Francis Swingle Award by the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons of St. Patrick at their annual gathering on March 17, 2022.

Bill, son of Bill Thornton and Kathie Bender Elechko, was raised in West Pittston, Pennsylvania, along with his four siblings. He graduated from Wyoming Area High School with the Class of 1994, and he attended Penn State University where he earned a degree in management science and information systems. He later went on to receive an MBA in finance from Pepperdine University in Malibu, California.

Bill began his career as a technology consultant working in the Philadelphia area with life sciences companies including Pfizer, Roche, Johnson & Johnson, and Eli Lilly. He then transitioned to working as a computer programmer for Amgen, a biotech company that specializes in products for treatment of blood disorders, osteoporosis, and other inflammatory conditions. Continuing his work on the technical side of health care, Bill joined the team at Allergan, a global leader in medical aesthetics, eye care, and neurological disorders. He spent 11 years at Allergan as an IT executive working across business units in research and development, manufacturing, sales, and marketing, and he was the IT leader for the emerging markets of Latin America and Asia, supporting 17 countries and \$1 billion in revenue. Bill currently serves as the Chief Information Officer for Sarepta Therapeutics in Cambridge, Massachusetts. His role at Sarepta supports their mission to engineer solutions for rare diseases with science that is on the forefront of precision genetic medicine. Bill is also a partner and member of Cybersecurity at MIT Sloan School of Management.

Bill is a sustaining member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. His maternal grandfather, Ted Bender, proudly served as the 60th president of the organization in 1973. Bill was awarded the Friendly Sons Annual Student Scholarship in 1994, and his wife, Susan, was a scholarship recipient in 1995.

Bill is a dedicated volunteer and is actively involved in his local community to support youth sports and school events. He and his wife have three daughters, Erin, Emily, and Allie.

I am honored to join with the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in recognizing Bill as the 2022 Swingle Award Winner. He has dedicated his career to supporting cutting edge medical research in the life sciences industry while also volunteering his time to support his community. May he continue to find fulfillment in his work and giving back to his fellow citizens.

HONORING ASMA PATEL FOR
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Asma Patel is a board-certified attorney who has diligently served and continues to serve the Osceola County community. Ms. Patel holds dual degrees with honors in Psychology and Legal Studies as well as a Juris Doctor degree. During her law school career, Ms. Patel was a student ambassador, mentor, and the President of the Muslim Law School Association at her alma mater. She honed her dispute resolution skills by competing in and ultimately winning first place in an International Law School Mediation Tournament. During this time, she continued to demonstrate her dedication to serving her community as a guardian ad item fellow. In this role, she played a crucial role as a representative for abused, abandoned, and/or neglected children.

Ms. Patel has spearheaded community initiatives aimed at ending domestic violence. As a certified domestic abuse victim advocate, she has assisted survivors in crisis by providing essential resources and support. In an effort to create awareness, she has hosted family empowerment seminars and tabled at events aimed at tackling domestic abuse.

Through mentorship, extensive networking, and volunteerism, Ms. Patel has worked with marginalized and vulnerable communities, striving to bring light and change to the social injustices that plague them. Most recently, she has begun to help address the issue of inaccessibility to feminine hygiene products by providing these products to local Title I schools. Ms. Patel's bridge the gap initiatives in Osceola County are inspired by her desire to take action that empowers women to be courageous in the pursuit of their dreams.

HONORING LILLIAN TAMAYO

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lillian Tamayo, a distinguished local health care advocate, on her recent retirement. For more than 20 years, Lillian has been a champion for women, teens, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community across South Florida. She worked tirelessly to increase their access to and awareness of quality affordable health care services.

As President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of South, East and North Florida, Lillian expanded the organization's reach to eight of the state's most diverse counties and broadened its services to historically overlooked groups. One of the most successful initiatives that she led, La Promesa, engaged Latina women who were previously underserved in South Florida.

During the most difficult times in the abortion movement, Lillian stood strong and fearlessly led in the fight for reproductive freedom. She advocated in federal court to block past

Florida laws designed to limit abortions. Lillian also fought to extend health services and counseling options to South Florida teens and members of the LGBTQIA+ community. As a result of her advocacy, Planned Parenthood is now a judgement-free zone where young people can go to receive HIV and STI screenings, hormone therapy, discuss birth control options, and receive mental health counseling.

Lillian's dedication to health care access and education is truly admirable. Her work has created a space in which women and men across Florida can feel safe for years to come. I am proud to celebrate her today and wish her the very best on her retirement.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAMPTON UNIVERSITY CHOIR

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Hampton University Choir on its 150th anniversary.

The Hampton University Choir was established in 1870 as the Hampton Singers just a few years after Hampton University was founded in 1868 as the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute. Since then, Hampton University has continued to break new ground in academic achievement as one of Virginia's top Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The university's motto is "The Standard of Excellence, an Education for Life", and that is exactly what the Hampton University Choir has exemplified over the last 150 years. As the primary touring ensemble for the university, the Choir has distinguished itself by performing in numerous notable venues across the United States and abroad, including Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. The Hampton University Choir even performed at the second Inauguration of President William Jefferson Clinton in 1997.

I want to congratulate the President of Hampton University, Dr. William R. Harvey, the Director of University Choirs, Omar Dickenson, and the Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs, Dr. Joan Wickham for their years of service and dedication to the Hampton University community. The Hampton University Choir has and continues to be an essential piece of what makes Hampton University so special.

Congratulations to the Hampton University Choir on their 150th anniversary. I wish them many more years of success.

HONORING CALEB OGILVIE

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, the Commonwealth of Virginia mourns the loss of Officer Caleb Daniel Ogilvie of the Covington Police Department.

Officer Ogilvie was killed in the line of duty on March 14, 2022, at the age of 35. Though he was taken too soon, his life was evidence

of his noble commitment to protecting the safety and freedom of others above himself.

He was born in Wisconsin to Daniel Raymond Ogilvie and Delora Anne Chambers Ogilvie.

Before serving the City of Covington in law enforcement, Officer Ogilvie served his country for four years in the United States Marine Corps. Two of his tours were spent in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was also a volunteer firefighter and an emergency medical technician for Roanoke County.

Officer Ogilvie was a loving father, husband, son, brother, and friend. Along with his parents, he is survived by his wife, Natasha Erin Ogilvie; and four daughters, Emersyn and Wrenley Ogilvie, and Kileigh and Rilyn Ogilvie and their mother, Malarie Ogilvie. He is also survived by his sister, Abigail Chave, and two brothers, Rian and Benjamin Ogilvie; along with many other beloved close family and friends.

Officer Ogilvie lived a life of self-sacrifice. He was a distinguished public servant who put his life on the line every day as he courageously defended those around him. The death of Officer Ogilvie is a grievous loss to the Commonwealth of Virginia and the City of Covington. I mourn his loss, yet I am grateful that he and the other men and women of law enforcement step forward to protect us knowing full well the risks they face. His bravery and selfless service will not be forgotten.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BARBARA ROWELL

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Barbara Rowell of Quincy, Illinois, who passed away in November 2021 at the age of 85.

A native of Quincy, Illinois, Barbara Rowell attended Culver Stockton College where she majored in Speech and Drama and graduated Cum Laude in 1958. During her time at Culver Stockton College, Barbara was active in student theater, Greek life, and was the host of the Culver Stockton Callboard television show. During which, she had the opportunity to interview then President of the Screen Actors Guild, and future President of the United States, Ronald Reagan.

Barbara's passion for the theater and her community led her back to her hometown, Quincy, where she taught Speech and Drama courses at Quincy High School and Central High School. In addition, she was an active leader in the Quincy Live Theater where she held the title of actress, managing and artistic director, and board member. During her tenure at the Quincy Live Theater, she was a part of an estimated 136 productions.

Barbara was not only an iconic figure in the Quincy community but provided critical leadership in improving the Quincy Community Theater. Her accolades demonstrate how her determination and vision did not go unnoticed. Barbara was a 25-year member of the American Association of Community Theaters and recipient of the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award and the City of Quincy Arts Award. The Quincy community has been fortunate to benefit under the leadership of Barbara Rowell.